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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response is to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2006, the period of which has been extended from August 28, 2006 to November 28, 2006.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, it is contended that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, "for example: Figs. 6, 7, 8, 11, etc."

While this election of species requirement is not at all clear, as understood Applicants consider this action to require election of one disc drive apparatus from either of Figs. 6-7, and one filter element design from either of Figs. 8 and 11.

In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the apparatus of Fig. 6 and the filter element design of Fig. 8. The current claims corresponding to this election include at least claims 1-3, 6-8, 15-17 and 20-23.

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